

(b) if so, what those plans or schemes are?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): (a) and (b) The Agricultural Department will continue to carry on in the taluks of Kunnatnad, Muvattupuzha and Parur, as elsewhere, propaganda to popularise improved methods of paddy cultivation.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: May I know whether any such propaganda is now being carried on?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: Yes, Sir.

Drivers appointed in the Transport Department.

67. ***Mr. T. Muhammed Ismail**: Will the Government be pleased to state the number, by caste, of drivers appointed in the State Transport Department?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: The Transport Department is conducted on a commercial basis without advertence to the rules in respect of recruitments to the public service and the question of appointments according to communities does not therefore arise.

Conciliation applications.

68. ***Mr. R. V. Thomas** (*Thodupuzha cum Minachil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of conciliation applications filed before the several Conciliation Boards in Travancore up to the 15th Mithunam 1113;

(b) the total number of applications conciliated by agreement between parties;

(c) the total number in which certificates were issued;

(d) the total number of applications dismissed for default;

(e) the total number of cases in which the maximum time was granted—

(i) in cases where the parties agreed; and

(ii) in cases where certificates were issued;

(f) the number of cases in which the actual principal amounts were scaled down—

(i) where parties agreed; and

(ii) where certificates were issued; and

(g) the total number of applications filed before the Palai Conciliation Board?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: A *statement furnishing the required information is laid on the table.

* Vide Appendix I—Page 502.